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(SBU) Acting EconPol Counselor delivered reftel points on January 4 to Hans Bilek from the MFA's Middle East and Africa Division. Describing the situation in Pakistan as "critical," Bilek said that the GoA supported the USG's position calling for peaceful transition to a democratically-elected government. Bilek noted that the EU Political Directors would discuss the issue next week, and it would most likely be an agenda item at the January 28 GAERC. Kilner